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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE - RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT
OF RESIDENT STAFF EMPLOYEE

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1. REFTELS DISCUSS POST'S REQUEST FOR PIT APPOINTMENT AND DEPARTMENT'S SUBSEQUENT FAVORABLE RESPONSE. PIT EMPLOYEE, AUTHORIZED BY DEPTTEL, RELINQUISHED HER POSITION ON JUNE 12 IN ANTICIPATION OF HER HUSBAND'S TRANSFER. FOR WEEKS POST HAS ATTEMPTED TO RECRUIT REPLACEMENT AS ITS NEED FOR SECOND AMERICAN SECRETARY IS, IF ANYTHING, GREATER NOW THAN SINCE 75 DHAHRAN 1440 WAS DRAFTED. APART FROM NUMBER OF SO POSITIONS HAVING BEEN INCREASED BY ONE, SCOPE AND VOLUME OF POST'S ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORTING HAS ALSO INCREASED TO POINT WHERE SECRETARIAL SUPPORT NOW ACTS AS BRAKE ON ITS FURTHER EXPANSION. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO NOTE THAT CONGEN HAS ONLY TWO SECRETARIES IN ITS COMPLEMENT- ONE FSS EMPLOYEE AND ONE FSL EMPLOYEE.

2. POST HAS BEEN INHIBITED IN RECRUITING REPLACEMENT PIT SECRETARY BECAUSE SALARY SCALE IT CAN OFFER IS ABOUT FOUR-FIFTHS OF SALARY QUALIFIED SECRETARY CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE IN SAUDI PRIVATE SECTOR (IRONY OF SITUATION IS THAT POST HAS SALARY SCALE TO HIRE NON-AMERICAN AT LEVEL 25 PERCENT HIGHER THAN AMERICAN EMPLOYEES). NEVERTHELESS, POST HAS IDENTIFIED AMERICAN SECRETARY WHO WISHES TO JOIN HUSBAND IN SAUDI ARABIA THIS FALL BUT WOULD ONLY BE AVAILABLE IF APPOINTMENT AS RESIDENT STAFF EMPLOYEE

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COULD BE OFFERED FOR DURATION OF HUSBAND'S WORK ASSIGNMENT HERE --

NOW SLATED TO BE TWO YEARS. HUSBAND HAS BEEN INTERVIEWED AND HE IS AWARE WIFE COULD OBTAIN HIGHER SALARY ELSEWHERE BUT IS WILLING TO HAVE HER ACCEPT LOWER SALARY IN ORDER TO HAVE HER WORKING IN (A) USG OFFICE AND (B) ON CONGEN COMPOUND WHERE THEIR TWO CHILDREN WOULD BE ATTENDING SCHOOL.

3. WIFE IS DESCRIBED AS QUALIFIED SECRETARY WHO WAS EMPLOYED FOR SEVERAL YEARS (UNTIL 1968) BY DOD INTELLIGENCE UNIT IN GERMANY AND ELSEWHERE. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT INTERVIEWING HER AND DETERMINING WHETHER SHE CAN MEET REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE APPOINTMENT AS RESIDENT STAFF EMPLOYEE. IF DEPARTMENT IS SATISFIED WITH HER QUALIFICATIONS AND WILLING TO MAKE APPOINTMENT, APPRECIATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BEING INITIATED ASAP.

4. NAME OF PIT-APPOINTMENT CANDIDATE IS MRS. KENNETH EGGERS, 2724 GOLDMON CIRCLE, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 35244. MRS EGGERS IS CURRENTLY VACATION IN COLORADO BUT, IN NEXT FEW DAYS, WILL VISIT HOME OF PARENTS-IN-LAW IN NESS CITY, KANSAS. SHE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH CHARLES EGGERS, 913-798-2504. FYI: POST ONLY SPOKE TO MR. EGGERS ON JULY 5 AND IT IS VERY DOUBTFUL SHE IS AWARE THAT HE HAS OFFERED HER SERVICES AS SECRETARY TO POST. ALSO EXPLAIN TO HER THAT HUSBAND SEES EMPLOYMENT WITH CONGEN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HER AND CHILDREN TO JOIN HIM IN SAUDI ARABIA IN SEPTEMBER RATHER THAN IN EARLY 1977 AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. MOVING ETA DATE FORWARD ALSO OFFERS CHILDREN OPPORTUNITY TO BE IN SCHOOL IN DHAHRAN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR AND, CONSEQUENTLY AVOID MID-YEAR DISRUPTION IN THEIR EDUCATION.
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